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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH PDRY

- 1. AHMED ABDU SAID TOLD DCM 15 JULY THAT ADENI MINISTER HAD RAISED WITH HIM QUESTION OF RESUMED RELATIONS WITH US.
- 2. AHMAD ABDP SAID HAS LED HIGH-RANKING YEMENI TRADE MISSION TO ADEN FOR WEEK-LONG DISCUSSIONS WHICH CULMINATED IN SEVERAL NEW AGREEMENTS WITH RADICAL REGIME IN SOUTH (SEPTEL). SAID POINTS TO NEW AGREEMENTS AS ANOTHER SIGN OF SHIFT IN FOREIGN POLICY OF PDRY TOWARD MORE MODERATE STANCE.
- 3. IN COURSE OF TALKS WITH ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-WALI NASHIR, SAID SAID THE SOUTH YEMENI MINISTER OF ECONOMY & INDUSTRY TOOK INITIATIVE TO ASK "WHY USG SO LONG IN RESUMING RELATIONS". ACCORDING TO SAID, ABD AL-AZIZ SAID "WE ARE READY" AND "WANT TO MOVE".
- 4. SAID SAYS HE OFFERED NO EXPLANATION FOR ALLEGED US DELAYS BUT PROMISED MERELY TO RELAY ABD AL-AZIZ' INQUIRY TO US OFFICIALS.
- 5. IN PASSING ON ABOVE, SAID STATED HIS BELIEF THAT ABD AL-AZIZ, WHO CLOSE TO PRESIDENT SALIM RUBAYI ALI, MAY WELL HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS APPROACH. SECRET

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6. DCM THANKED SAID BUT NOTED THAT SOUTH YEMENIS SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH US DIRECTLY WHEN THEY ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN MOVING ON QUESTION OF RESUMTPION.

7. COMMENT: TIME MAY HAVE COME FOR US TO RAISE THIS QUESTION AGAIN, FIRST WITH SAUDIS, THEN DIRECTLY WITH SOUTH YEMENIS.
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